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REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 10, 15, 27, 35, and 41 are independent claims.

Claims 1 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,768,390 ("Coppersmith"). The remaining claims have been objected to.

Regarding claims 1 and 10, the examiner argues that Coppersmith discloses a method comprising requesting a first token to unseal a sealed first portion of a multi-token sealed object to obtain a first portion of a multi-token sealed object, and requesting a second token to unseal a sealed second portion of a multi-token sealed object to obtain a second portion of a multi-token sealed object. The examiner refers to the masking value $M(1)$ and the masking value $M(i)$ of Coppersmith, but it is not clear to what the examiner tries to equate these masking values. The masking values of Coppersmith are masking values; they are not tokens or portions of sealed objects.

In response to the examiner's argument, it is respectfully argued that Coppersmith does not describe at least two limitations of claim 1. Specifically, Coppersmith does not describe requesting a first token to unseal a first portion of a multi-token sealed object or requesting a second token to unseal a second portion of a multi-token sealed object. Coppersmith does not describe or refer to a token, and therefore cannot anticipate requesting a token to unseal a portion of a multi-token sealed object. Similarly, Coppersmith does not describe requesting a plurality of tokens to unseal a plurality of sealed portions of a multi-token sealed object, as required by claim 10.

Therefore, Coppersmith does not anticipate independent claim 1 or independent claim 10. Therefore, the withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1 and 10 and the objections to the remaining claims is respectfully requested.

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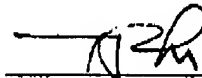
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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the rejections and objections have been overcome, and that claims 1-44 are in condition for allowance. The applicant therefore respectfully requests the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. Please charge any necessary fees, including extension fees, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

Respectfully submitted,

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